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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed January 3, 2001, please amend the claims as follows (all claims are set forth, for the examiner's convenience):

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48. (amended) A system comprising  
units of a commodity that are used by respective users in different locations,  
a user interface which is part of each of the units of the commodity and provides a  
medium for two-way local interaction between one of the users and the corresponding unit of the  
commodity for generating information about use of the unit of the commodity by the user,  
a communication element that is associated with each of the units of the commodity  
and carries results of the two-way local interaction from each of the units of the commodity to a  
central location, and  
software that manages the interactions of the users in different locations and  
collection of the results of the interactions at the central location.

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49. (amended) The system of claim 48 in which [further comprising]

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